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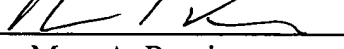
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**Sir:**

**This is a request for filing a**

**[X] Continuation [ ] Divisional**

**application of pending prior application Serial No. 09/859,900 filed May 17, 2001**

**for [Title]: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS HAVING FUNCTION OF AUTOMATICALLY SELECTING ONE OF SHEET FEEDERS, METHOD OF CONTROLLING THE IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND STORAGE MEDIUM**

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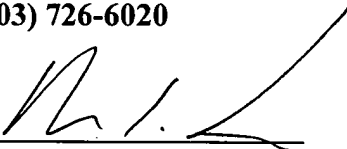
- 1. [x] A copy of the prior application is attached including Declaration.**
- 2. [x] Cancel in this application original claims 2, 10, 11, 20, 21 and 23 of prior application before calculating the filing fee. At least one original independent claim is retained for filing purposes.**

3. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This is a ☒ Continuation ☐ Division of application Serial No. 09/859,900 filed  
May 17, 2001 --
4. ☒ New ☒ Formal ☐ Informal drawings are enclosed:  
Fig(s) 1 - 18.
5. ☒ Priority of foreign application(s) No. 2000-145301 filed May 17, 2000 in JAPAN is claimed under  
35 U.S.C. §119.
6. ☒ A certified copy was filed in prior application No. 09/859,900.
7. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Canon Kabushiki Kaisha, the assigned was recorded  
at Reel 012479, Frame 0874.
8. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered  
consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the  
prior application.
9. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
10. ☒ It is requested that the prior art made of record in the prior application 09/859,900 be cited and made  
of record in the present application.
11. ☐ Small entity status was established in the parent application.
12. ☒ Fees calculated based on claims filed in prior application, less any claims canceled above or by  
preliminary amendment.

	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee	\$770.00
Total Claims Independent Claims	21	- 20 = 1	x \$ 18.00 =	\$ 18.00	
	7	- 3 = 4	x \$ 86.00 =	344.00	
Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$ 290.00 =	<u>0.00</u>	
			Total	\$1,132.00	
Reduction by 1/2 for filing Small Entity				<u>0.00</u>	
			TOTAL ENCLOSED FEE	\$1,132.00	

13. ☒ THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE THE ABOVE FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 1,132.00 AND ANY OTHER FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 18-2056.
14. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees during the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 18-2056: any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17; and any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims.
15. ☒ A power of attorney was filed in the prior application to Marc A. Rossi, Registration No. 31,923:
- ☒ a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
  - ☐ b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
  - ☒ c. Address all future communications to

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